

Welcome to St John's Church-Elmswell

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Sunday 24th September 2017



10.30am Harvest Festival

If you are visiting or have recently moved to Elmswell and are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. We invite everyone to stay for our lemon-themed refreshments in the church room after the service.

Collect (*special prayer for today*) **The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity** **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today we are supporting **Raising Families**. The collection and money raised from our lemon-themed refreshments will go to this programme run by Samaritan's Purse.

For vulnerable families living in Sub-Saharan Africa, you could say that 'Life has given them Lemons', or to put it differently, that life has dealt them a very tough hand.

However, together with the Local Church, Samaritan's Purse "Raising Families" programme teaches Families that God can use whatever 'they have in their hands' to completely transform their lives.

Notice Board

The week ahead

This evening 7.00pm CYFA Group meets at the Rectory – Brenda on "What is Communion?"

Monday 25 September 10.00am to 11.15am Coffee Break at the Rectory, for more information please speak to Lisa (tel. 01359-240512).

Tuesday 26 September There will not be a choir practice this evening.

Friday 29 September 7.00pm The Ordination of Miriam Fife at Beeston next Mileham Church, Norfolk, PE32 2LY.

Diary Dates

Sunday 1 October 2.30pm Church Autumn Walk – starting from the Rectory.

Tuesday 3 October 7.00pm Choir practice in the church room.

Saturday 7 October 8.00am to 9.00am Prayer meeting in church.

Looking Further Ahead

Sunday 15 October 6.30pm to 7.30pm Praise evening with Battisford Band.

Friday 20 October 11.30am Ladies' lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend, please add your name to the list at the back of the church.

Saturday 21 October 8.00am to 9.00am Prayer meeting in church.

Tuesday 31 October 5.00pm Saints and Sausages (formerly Light Party) in church.

☺ Please take this notice sheet home with you as a reminder of future events ☺

Next Sunday... 9.30am All Age Service with Music Group
11.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)